

REMARKS

This response is accompanied by a petition for a time extension and associated fee extending the period for response from May 2, 2006 to June 2, 2006.

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated February 2, 2006. Prior to entry of the above amendments, claims 1-19 were pending in the application. In that Office action, claims 5, 9, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0130804 to McMakin et al., and claims 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Amendments

In the above amendments, rejected and withdrawn claims 1-5, 9-12, and 16-18 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 13, and 19 have been rewritten in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of the claims upon which they were previously dependent. Claims 7 and 8 are dependent on the newly amended claim 6. Claims 14 and 15 are dependent upon the newly amended claim 13. With entry of the above amendments, claims 6-8, 13-15, and 19 remain in the application.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the

Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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